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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, COMOR

SUBJECT : Information Regarding Communist China's Nuclear Weapons Program

REFERENCE : SNIE 13-6-62

1. In executive session at the USIB Meeting this morning, the Acting State Department Member expressed concern at the lack of recent evidence on developments in the Szechwan Basin which could be used in the current preparation of SNIE 13-6-62 on Communist China's Nuclear Weapons Program. After brief discussion, the USIB agreed that:

a. The preparation of SNIE 13-6-62 should proceed on the basis of presently available information.

b. Action should be initiated to schedule a TACKLE Mission over the Szechwan Basin as soon as feasible, with the understanding that, if the information obtained from that mission required amendments in SNIE 13-6-62, such amendments would be distributed to all holders of that estimate.

2. It is requested that COMOR take appropriate action to implement the USIB decision in 1.b. above regarding the scheduling of a TACKLE Mission, and advise the USIB of the resultant actions taken.

cc: Chairman, BNE

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